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In re Application of :  
Vladimir I. Merkulov et al :  
Application No. 10/715,057 : DECISION GRANTING PETITION  
Filed: November 17, 2003 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)  
Attorney Docket No. UBAT1310-1 :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed March 1, 2006, to revive the above-identified application.

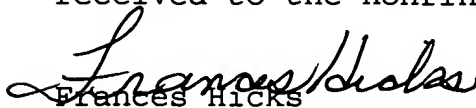
The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the nonfinal Office action mailed July 28, 2005, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on October 29, 2005.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply to the outstanding Office action of July 28, 2005; (2) the petition fee of \$1,500; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the reply to the nonfinal Office action of July 28, 2005 is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3218.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center AU 3676 for appropriate action in the normal course of business on the reply received to the nonfinal Office action.

  
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